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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 12. The new and amended claims are provided below in clean form. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims, including those added hereby, are provided in Appendix A).

1. (Amended) A somatostatin polypeptide or bioactive analog or subunit thereof, the somatostatin polypeptide comprising at least one amino acid sequence comprising at least one of a portion of *Oncorhynchus mykiss* preprosomatostatin I (PPSS-I; SEQ ID NO:3) and a portion of *Oncorhynchus mykiss* preprosomatostatin II" (PPSS-II"; SEQ ID NO:15).